

REMARKS

I. Amendments

Claims 1-28 have been amended to place the claims in conformance with U.S. patent practice. Claims 5-15, 17, and 19-27 have been amended to eliminate the dependency of a multiple dependent claim upon another multiple dependent claim.

New claims 29-31 are directed to embodiments of the invention deleted from original claims 8, 15 and 19, respectively. New claim 32 is supported by claim 1 and covers the embodiment when the generated signals are correlated to more than one solid state parameter of the sample.

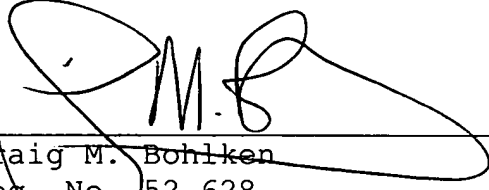
Figure reference numerals have been deleted from amended claims 1 and 22-24.

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-32 are pending. No new matter has been added by any amendment herein.

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